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May 11,1999

Fax to: 212 -932-1236 Attention: William Weber Re: FCC and Low Power Radio

Please convey to Chairmen William Kennard the interest of the New York City Mission Society in the possible use of a low watt station to cover the Central Harlem neighborhood that our Minisink Town House serves.

Such a radio station would be used by our Town House to broadcast items of neighborhood interest, programming that is created by the youngsters and teens that use our facilities such as the Arts Academy (creative expression in music and drama).

This low cost but extremely effective method of communications would be a blessing to us and to the neighborhood. There are many organizations including churches that could make use of this radio connection.

Please be our spokesman, with the powers that be, to see this project through.

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PEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Dear Dr. Winslow:

Greetings to you in Christ's name. Following the phone conversation we had today, I write to inform you about the possibilities we see for the use of drop-in-radio broadcasts to reach the Asian Indian Communities in Central and Southern New Jersey. It is estimated that more than two hundred thousand Asian Indian live in and around Edison-South Brunswick-Princeton townships and many more are migrating and settling especially along the US Route 1 Corridor. 25% of Plainsboro, a new township adjacent to Princeton consists of Asian Indian immigrants who settled here within the last five years. It is estimated that Central and Southern New Jersey have the largest concentration of Asian Indians in North America. With the recent decision of the INS to increase the visa quota for skilled labor in computer fields, many immigrants from Indian subcontinent take advantage of the opportunity to settle in Southern New Jersey which is fast becoming the hub for high-tech industries. A drop-in-radio with a broadcast range of 10 to 20 miles radius would be ideal to reach this target audience.

Most Asian Indians immigrants are non-Christians. This is an opportunity to reach them with the gospel through the medium of radio. The New Jersey Indian Church at Princeton (UCC) of which I am the Pastor is actively exploring the possibilities for evangelism among our Asian Indian neighbors.

As for expertise in radio programing and broadcasts, my wife and I have been involved in the missionary radio ministry in India for several years. We both were program producers for the Far East Broadcasting Company - shortwave radio stations which broadcast gospel and educational programs all over Asia. My wife and I have produced varieties of programs in vernacular languages - Tamil and Kannada languages. Far East Broadcasting Company in India holds volumes of broadcast programs in all the major languages of India (about 14 languages in all) and these could be used for rebroadcast. Of course these programs would need editing for closing announcements etc. to make them suitable for local audience.

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Besides, we have talented people in our congregation and among our Indian friends whom we can train and use for programing in different languages. We see the possibilities of varieties of programs -- children-youth-women's programs, drams, cultural, devotional and music -- geared to different audience. We are also exploring Internet-broadcast which can reach specific target audiences.

Should drop-in-radio and Internet broadcast become feasible, we are planning to set up a recording studio in a church/house basement. We will also intent to set up a network of follow up contacts with existing Asian Indian Churches and Fellowship Groups to channel the seekers for personal evangelism and churching.

We are interested in perusing this vision further with your guidance and direction. Should you have questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at my work (718)334-4903 or home (609)406-7815.

Looking forward to hear from you,

In Christ,

Rev. Anand Veeraraj

**Pastor**